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## REGISTER OF ACTIONS CASE No. 16-DCV-236544

Manuel Canizales vs Allstate Vehicle and Property Insurance Company

and Anthony Lipari

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Contract -Case Type:

Consumer/Commercial/Debt

Date Filed: 10/26/2016

**240th District Court** Location:

PARTY INFORMATION

Defendant or Allstate Vehicle and Property Insurance

Respondent

Company

Dallas, TX 75201-3140

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Respondent

Defendant or Lipari, Anthony

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Plaintiff or Petitioner

Canizales, Manuel

Houston, TX 77036

Robert C. Lane Retained

713-595-8200(W)

**EVENTS & ORDERS OF THE COURT** 

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**Docket Sheet** 

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Plaintiff's Original Petition

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12/05/2016 Answer/Contest/Response/Waiver Doc ID#7

Answer/Response

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Defendant or Respondent Allstate Vehicle and Property Insurance Company

**Total Financial Assessment** 

Total Payments and Credits

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Balance Due as of 12/05/2016

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Plaintiff or Petitioner Canizales, Manuel

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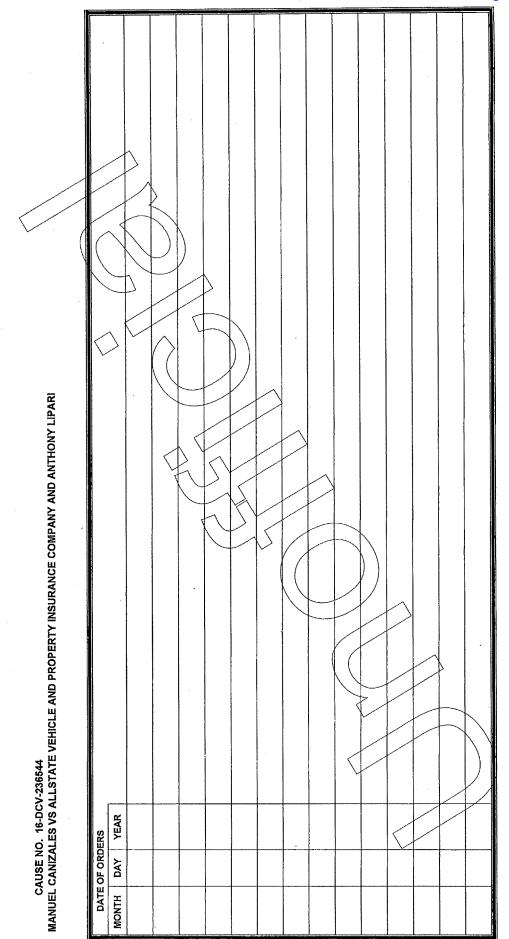
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## PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION

Plaintiff Manuel Canizales (hereinafter "Plaintiff"), by and through the undersigned counsel, files this *Plaintiff's Original Petition*, complaining of Allstate Vehicle and Property Insurance Company ("Allstate" or "Defendant") and Anthony Lipari ("Adjuster" or "Defendant") (collectively "Defendants"), and would respectfully show this Honorable Court the following:

## 1. DISCOVERY PLAN

1. Plaintiff intends discovery to be conducted under Level 3 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 190.4.

# II. PARTIES

- 2. Plaintiff is an Individual that owns real property in Montgomery County, Texas.
- Defendant is an insurance company engaging in the business of insurance in the State of Texas. This Defendant may be served with process by certified mail, return receipt requested, by serving its Registered Agent, C.T. Corporation System, 1999 Bryan Street, Suite 900, Dallas, Texas 75201-3140. Service is hereby requested.

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4. Defendant Anthony Lipari ("Adjuster") is an individual licensed and engaged in practice as an insurance adjuster. Lipari may be served with process through certified mail, return receipt requested, at his place of residence, located at 8101 Tranquil Lake Way Conroe 77385. Service is hereby requested.

# III. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 5. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action because Plaintiff seeks damages within the jurisdictional limits of this Court and because the causes of action asserted herein are not subject to exclusive jurisdiction in another court.
- 6. This Court has jurisdiction over Defendant because this Defendant is an insurance company that engages in the business of insurance in Texas, and Plaintiff's causes of action arise out of this defendant's business activities in Texas.
- 7. This Court has jurisdiction over Defendant Anthony Lipari because this Defendant is a Texas resident, and Plaintiff's causes of action arise out of this defendant's activities in Texas.
- 8. Venue is proper under Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code § 15.001 et. seq. because a substantial part of the events and omissions giving rise to the claims asserted herein occurred in Montgomery County, Texas. Furthermore, venue is proper in Montgomery, County, Texas under Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code § 15.032 because the insured property is located in this county.

# IV. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

- Plaintiff is the owner of a Texas Homeowner's Insurance policy (hereinafter referred to as "the Policy"), which was issued by Defendant.
- Allstate sold and issued Plaintiff the Policy insuring the Property against damages caused by hail, windstorm and other covered perils.
- 11. On or about April 18, 2016, Plaintiff owned real property with improvements located at 22864 Cumbre Drive, Porter, Texas 77365, located in Montgomery County (hereinafter referred to as "the Property").
- 12. On or about April 18, 2016, the Property described above sustained severe damages to the roof due to the direct force of wind and hail. As a result, the interior of the Property and Plaintiff's contents sustained water damage.
- 13. Plaintiff duly notified Allstate of the damage sustained, and asked that Defendant pay for damages to the Property and other damages covered by the terms of the Policy.
- 14. Allstate then assigned Plaintiff Claim No. 0410222327 (hereinafter "the Claim").
- 15. After its investigation, Allstate ultimately denied the loss incredulously concluding that the property sustained no damage as a result of a covered peril, despite reasonably clear evidence of wind and hail damage that was at all times present during Allstate's claim investigation.
- 16. As set forth below, Allstate failed to comply with the Policy, the Texas Insurance Code, and Texas law in handling Plaintiff's Claim by:
  - a) Wrongfully denying Plaintiff's Claim for full repairs to the Property even though the Policy provides coverage for losses such as those Plaintiff is claiming;
  - b) Underpaying some of Plaintiff's Claim by not providing full coverage for damages sustained to the Property;

- c) Improperly and inadequately scoping the damages to the Property during Defendant's investigation; and
- d) Continuing to delay in the payment of damages to the Property, including the roof, interior and contents.
- 17. Additionally, Allstate breached its contractual obligation to Plaintiff by continuing to refuse to adequately compensate Plaintiff for the damage to the Property pursuant to the terms of the Policy. Notably, Allstate refused to pay for the proceeds of the Policy despite the fact pre-suit demand for payment in an amount sufficient to cover the damage to the Property was made.
- 18. Plaintiff complied with all obligations under the Policy, and all conditions precedent to recovery upon the Policy are satisfied.
- 19. Allstate continues to delay in the payment of the damage to the Property despite Plaintiff's requests. Accordingly, Plaintiff has still not been paid in full for the damages to the Property.
- 20. As a result of Defendant's wrongful acts and omissions, Plaintiff was forced to retain legal counsel to represent Plaintiff with respect to these causes of action.

# V. CAUSES OF ACTION

## **BREACH OF CONTRACT** (against Allstate)

- 21. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all facts and circumstances set forth under the foregoing paragraphs.
- 22. Although Plaintiff fully cooperated with Allstate, and despite the fact that all conditions precedent to recovery have been performed, waived, excused, or otherwise satisfied, Allstate has failed and refused to pay to Plaintiff the benefits due under the Policy/contract

- of insurance in question, which was in full force and effect at the time of the occurrence which forms the basis of this lawsuit.
- 23. Plaintiff has been required by the actions of Allstate to retain the services of undersigned counsel and has agreed to pay undersigned counsel reasonable attorney's fees.
- 24. Allstate's breach proximately caused Plaintiff's injuries and damages.

## **UNFAIR SETTLEMENT PRACTICES** (against Allstate and Adjuster)

- 25. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all facts and circumstances set forth under the foregoing paragraphs.
- 26. Allstate violated Tex. Ins. Code § 541.060(a) by engaging in unfair settlement practices during the handling of the claim. All of Allstate's violations are actionable pursuant to Tex. Ins. Code § 541.151.
- 27. Allstate engaged in the following unfair settlement practices:
  - a) Pursuant to Tex. Ins. Code § 541.060(a)(1), misrepresenting to Plaintiff material facts or Policy provisions relating to the coverage at issue by indicating that the damage to the Property was not covered under the Policy even though it was reasonably clear that the damage was caused by a covered peril.
  - b) Pursuant to Tex. Ins. Code § 541.060(a)(2)(A), failing to attempt in good faith to effectuate a prompt, fair, and equitable settlement of the Claim, even though Allstate's liability under the Policy was reasonably clear. Specifically, Allstate failed to make an attempt to settle the Claim fairly despite the fact that Defendant was aware of its liability to Plaintiff under the Policy.
  - c) Pursuant to Tex. Ins. Code § 541.060(a)(3), failing to promptly provide Plaintiff with a reasonable explanation of the basis in the Policy, in relation to the facts or applicable law, for Allstate's denial of the claim or offer of a compromise settlement of the Claim. Specifically, Allstate failed to offer Plaintiff adequate compensation for damages to the Property without reasonable explanation as to why full payment was not being made.
  - d) Pursuant to Tex. Ins. Code § 541.060(a)(7), refusing to pay Plaintiff's Claim without conducting a reasonable investigation with respect to the Claim. Allstate's outcome-oriented investigation of the Claim resulted in an unfair evaluation of the damage to Plaintiff's Property.

28. Each of the foregoing unfair settlement practices was committed with knowledge by Allstate, and was a producing cause of Plaintiff's injuries and damages.

## **ADJUSTER DEFENDANT**

- 29. Lipari was assigned by Allstate Vehicle and Property Insurance Company to evaluate Plaintiff's claim, and was directed to investigate the claim and communicate with Plaintiff about the policy and its terms.
- 30. Lipari is independently liable for his unfair and deceptive acts, despite the fact that he was acting on behalf of the insurance carrier, because he is a "person" as defined by Tex. Ins. Code § 541.002(2). The term person is defined as "any individual, corporation, association, partnership, reciprocal or inter-insurance exchange, Lloyds plan, fraternal benefit society, or other legal entity engaged in the business of insurance, including an agent, broker, adjuster, or life and health insurance counselor." Tex. Ins. Code § 541.002(2); See also Liberty Mutual Insurance Co. v. Garrison Contractors, Inc., 966 S.W.2d 482,484 (Tex. 1998); Gasch v. Hartford Accident & Indemnity Co., 491 F.3d 278, 282 (5th Cir. 2007).
- 31. Lipari was required to conduct a thorough investigation of Plaintiff's claim, to include fully quantifying the damage done to Plaintiff's property, the cause, and whether the loss was covered.
- 32. After investigation, however, Lipari issued a report and claim decision that failed to fully quantify the damage done to Plaintiff's property and failed to recommend that Plaintiff's loss was covered under the Policy, despite reasonably clear evidence to the contrary.
- 33. This failure demonstrates that Lipari did not conduct a thorough investigation of the Claim.

- 34. By failing to properly investigate this Claim and recommending denial, Lipari engaged in unfair settlement practices by misrepresenting material facts (the true value of the covered loss and coverage) to Plaintiff.
- 35. Moreover, Lipari's claim explanation was unreasonable in that misrepresented coverage and the true scope and amount of the claim, despite reasonably clear evidence of covered damages warranting the extension of coverage.
- 36. Lipari engaged in the following unfair settlement practices:
  - a) Pursuant to TEX. INS. CODE § 541.060(a)(1), misrepresenting to Plaintiff material facts or Policy provisions relating to the coverage at issue by indicating that the damage to the Property was not covered under the Policy even though it was reasonably clear that the property sustained damage as the result of a covered peril;
  - Pursuant to Tex. Ins. Code § 541.060(a)(2)(A), failing to attempt in good faith to effectuate a prompt, fair, and equitable settlement of the Claim, even though the liability under the Policy was reasonably clear. Specifically, the property exhibited obvious conditions indicative of damage due to wind and hail, making liability for coverage under the policy reasonably clear. Despite this reasonably clear evidence of liability under the policy, Lipari failed to make an attempt to settle the Claim fairly and instead denied the claim in its entirety,
  - Pursuant to TEX. INS. CODE § 541.060(a)(3), failing to promptly provide Plaintiff with a reasonable explanation of the basis in the Policy, in relation to the facts or applicable law, for denial of the claim or offer of a compromise settlement of the Claim. Specifically, Lipari's claim explanation was unreasonable in that it misrepresented coverage and the true scope and amount of the claim, despite reasonably clear evidence of covered damages warranting the extension of coverage under the policy, and
  - d) Failing to conduct a reasonable investigation of Plaintiff's Claim pursuant to Tex. Ins. Code § 541.060(7). Specifically, Lipari conducted an outcome-oriented investigation of the Claim that resulted in an unfair evaluation of the damage to Plaintiff's Property.
- 37. Each of the foregoing unfair settlement practices was committed with knowledge by Lipari, and was a producing cause of Plaintiff's injuries and damages.

#### MISREPRESENTATION OF INSURANCE POLICY VIOLATIONS

- 38. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all facts and circumstances set forth under the foregoing paragraphs.
- 39. Additionally, Allstate made misrepresentations about Plaintiff's insurance policy and claim in violation of Tex. Ins. Code § 541.061. All of Allstate's violations are actionable pursuant to Tex. Ins. Code § 541.151.
- 40. Allstate engaged in deceptive insurance practices by making an untrue statement of material fact in violation of § 541.061(1). Specifically, Allstate misrepresented coverage and the true scope and amount of the claim despite reasonably clear evidence of damages due to wind and hail that made coverage for Plaintiff's claim reasonably clear.
- 41. Each of the foregoing unfair settlement practices was committed with knowledge by Defendant, and was a producing cause of Plaintiff's injuries and damages.

#### PROMPT PAYMENT OF CLAIMS VIOLATIONS (against Allstate)

- 42. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all facts and circumstances set forth under the foregoing paragraphs.
- Plaintiff's Claim is a claim under the insurance Policy issued by Allstate, of which Plaintiff gave Allstate proper notice. As set forth more fully below, Allstate's conduct constitutes a violation of the Texas Prompt Payment of Claims Statute, which is made actionable by Tex. Ins. Code § 542.060.
- 44. Specifically, Allstate violated the Prompt Payment of Claims provisions of Tex. INS. CODE § 542 by delaying payment of the Claim following Allstate's receipt of all items, statements, and forms reasonably requested and required, longer than the amount of time

provided by Tex. Ins. Code § 542.058. Specifically, Allstate delayed full payment of the Claim and, to date, Plaintiff has still not received any payment on this Claim.

# BREACH OF DUTY OF GOOD FAITH AND FAIR DEALING/BAD FAITH (against Allstate)

- 45. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all facts and circumstances set forth under the foregoing paragraphs.
- 46. Since Plaintiff initially presented the Claim to Allstate, the liability of Allstate to pay the full claim in accordance with the terms of the Policy was reasonably clear. The water damage to Plaintiff's home did not occur before the wind and hail storm of April 18, 2016. Allstate's contention that the interior damage was caused by excluded perils is illogical, because surely the damage would have occurred far in advance of the hail and wind storm of April 18, 2016. It is no coincidence that there was no damage prior to the storm, and significant damage just after. The wind/hail damage to the property was at all times reasonably clear during Allstate's claim investigation, such that any adjuster or insurance carrier acting in good faith would know or should have known to acknowledge and accept coverage for such damages. Instead, Allstate purposely failed to acknowledge and accept full coverage for reasonably clear hail/wind damage. Alternatively, Allstate was grossly negligent in failing to acknowledge and accept full coverage for the reasonably clear wind/hail damages to the property.
- 47. As a result of Allstate's outcome-oriented investigation, Allstate continues to refuse to pay Plaintiff in full for the Claim.
- 48. Allstate denied coverage and delayed payment for the full amount of Plaintiff's claim when it had no reasonable basis for doing so. Allstate knew or should have known by the exercise

- court costs, and attorneys' fees. For Defendants' knowing conduct in violating these laws, Plaintiff respectfully requests treble damages pursuant to Tex. Ins. Code § 541.152.
- Pursuant to Tex. Ins. Code § 542.060, as a result of the noncompliance with the Texas Insurance Code Prompt Payment of Claims provisions, Plaintiff is entitled to the entire amount of the Claim, eighteen (18) percent interest per annum on the amount of the Claim and reasonable and necessary attorneys' fees.
- 56. For the breach of the common law duty of good faith and fair dealing, Plaintiff is entitled to compensatory damages, including all forms of loss resulting from Allstate's breach, exemplary damages, and damages for emotional distress.
- As a result of the necessity in engaging the services of an attorney to prosecute this claim,

  Plaintiff is entitled to recover a sum for the reasonable and necessary services of Plaintiff's attorneys in the preparation and trial of this action, including any appeals to the Court of Appeals and/or the Supreme Court of Texas.
- Pursuant to Rule 47 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff is seeking monetary relief of between \$100,000.00 and \$200,000.00, including damages of any kind, penalties, costs, expenses, pre-judgment interest, and attorney fees.

# VIII. JURY DEMAND

59. Plaintiff hereby requests that all causes of action alleged herein be tried before a jury, and hereby tenders the appropriate jury fee.

# IX. WRITTEN DISCOVERY

- 60. Pursuant to Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 194, Plaintiff requests that Defendant disclose the information or material described in Rule 194.2.
- 61. Attached to this petition are Plaintiff's Requests for Production and Plaintiff's Interrogatories.

# X. PRAYER

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Plaintiff respectfully prays that upon trial hereof, final judgment be rendered for Plaintiff as follows:

- 1) Judgment against Defendant for actual damages, including mental anguish, in an amount to be determined by the jury;
- 2) Statutory penalties;
- 3) Treble damages;
- 4) Exemplary and punitive damages;
- 5) Prejudgment interest as provided by law;
- 6) Postjudgment interest as provided by law;
- 7) Attorneys' fees;
- 8) Costs of this suit; and
- 9) Such other and further relief to which Plaintiff may be justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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Telephone 281-341-4509 Fax 281-341-4519 CIVIL CASE INFORMATION SHEET Fort Bend County - 240th Judicial District Court 16-DCV-236544 CAUSE NUMBER (FOR CLERK USE ONLY): COURT (FOR CLERK USE ONLY): STYKED MANUEL CANIZALES V. ALLSTATE VEHICLE AND PROPERTY INSURANCE COMPANY AND ANTHONY LIPARI (e.g., John Smith v. All Appenican Insurance Co; In re Mary Ann Jones; In the Matter of the Estate of George Jackson) A civil case information sheet must be completed and submitted when an original petition or application is filed to initiate a new civil, family law, probate, or mental health case or when a post-judgment petition for modification or motion for enforcement is filed in a family law case. The information should be the best available at the time of filing. 1. Contact information for person completing case information sheet: Names of parties in case: Person or entity completing sheet is: Attorney for Plaintiff/Petitioner

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# Instructions for Completing the Texas Civil Case Information Sheet

A civil case information sheet must be completed and submitted when an original petition or application is filed to initiate a new civil, family law, probate, or mental health case or when a post-judgment motion for modification or enforcement is filed in a family law case. The information should be the best available at the time of filing. If the original petition, application or post-judgment motion is e-filed, the case information sheet must not be the lead document.

This sheet, approved by the Texas Judicial Council, is intended to collect information that will be used for statistical purposes only. It neither replaces nor supplements the filings or service of pleading or other documents as required by law or rule. The sheet does not constitute a discovery request, response, or supplementation, and it is not admissible at trial.

The attorney or self-represented (pro se) plaintiff/petitioner filing the case or post-judgment motion should complete the sheet as follows:

- 1. Contact information
  - a) Contact information for person completing case information sheet. Enter the following information:
    - name;
    - address;
    - city, state, and zip code;
    - email address;
    - telephone number;
    - fax number, if available;
    - State Bar number, if the person is an attorney; and
    - signature.
  - b) Names of parties in the case. Enter the name(s) of the
    - plaintiff(s) or petitioner(s);
    - defendant(s) or respondent(s); and
    - in child support cases, additional parties in the case, including the
      - custodial parent;
      - non-custodial parent; and
      - presumed father.

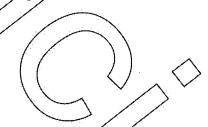
Attach an additional page as necessary to list all parties.

- c) Person or entity completing sheet is. Indicate whether the person completing the sheet, or the entity for which the sheet is being completed, is:
  - an attorney for the plaintiff or petitioner;
  - a pro se (self-represented) plaintiff or petitioner;
  - the Title IV-D agency; or
  - other (provide name of person or entity).

#### 2. Case type.

Select the case category that best reflects the most important issue in the case. You must select only one.

3. Procedure or remedy.



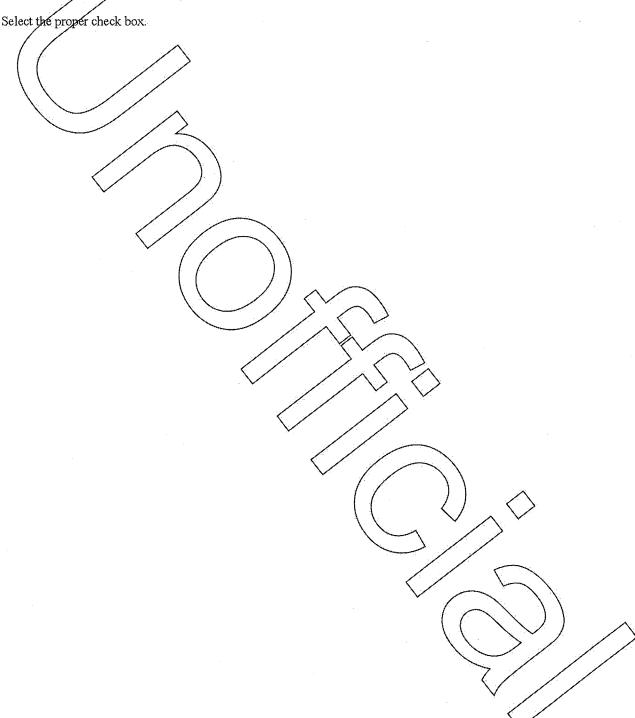
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If applicable, select any of the available procedures or remedies being sought in the case. You may select more than one.

4. Has this case been previously filed, or does it relate to a case previously filed, in this county or in another county or state?

Select the proper check box and provide additional information if applicable.

5. Is a Pauper's Oath/Affidavit or Indigency and an IOLTA Certificate being filed with this suit?



# ANNIE REBECCA ELLIOTT Fort Bend County District Clerk 301 Jackson, Richmond, TX 77469

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# **REQUEST FOR PROCESS**

All sections must be completed for processing this request.

|   | notes for proceeding time requesti                           |
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| Cause No. 16-DCV-236544                                 | Date 10/26/2016  |
| Style: \  | •  |
| Manuel Canizates  |  |
| VS  |  |
| Allstate Vehicle and Property Insurance                 | e Company and Anthony Lipari                                 |
| Section 2:  |  |
| Check Process Type:                                     |  |
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| ☐ Application for Protective Order Temporary            | (Ex Parte) Protective Order                                  |
| ☐ Notice of Registration of Foreign Judgment            | Citation by Posting  |
| ☐ Writ of   | Other  |
| ☐ Citation by Publication* - Newspaper:                 |  |
| * (All publications are sent to: Fort Bend Independent. | P.O. Box 623, (12851 Emily Court) • Sugar Land, Texas 77487) |
| * (Unless another newspaper is specified – FBC Cons     | stable will only serve within their jurisdiction.)           |
| APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF SURPOF                      | NA MUST BE SUBMITTED ON A SEPARATE FORM                      |
| Saction 3:  | ·  |
| Title of Document/Pleading to be attached               | ched for service: Plaintiff's Original Petition              |
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| Note: You must furnish <u>one copy</u> of t             | he document/pleading for <u>each</u> party served.           |
| section 4: PARTIES TO BE SERVED (Please                 | se type or print):   |
| 1. Name: C.T. Corporation System for All                | state Vehicle and Property Insurance Company                 |
| Address: 1999 Bryan Street, Suite 9                     |  |
| City: Dallas  | State: Texas Zip: 75201-3140                                 |
| 2. Name: Anthony Lipari                                 |  |
| Address: 8101 Tranquil Lake Way                         |  |
| City: Conroe  | State: Texas Zip: 77385                                      |
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| 3. Name:   |                             |            |
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| 5. Name:   |                             |            |
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| ☐ Certified Mail   | Registered Mail (Out of     | f Country) |
| Section 6 (ONLY if Section 7 does not apply)  Attorney Name: Robert Lane |                             |            |
| Address: 6200 Savoy Drive, Suite 1150                                    |                             |            |
| Houston  | Street/P.O. Box             | 77036      |
| City   | State                       | Zip        |
| Attorney's Telephone No. 713-595-82                                      | Attorney's Bar No. 240      | 46263      |
| Section 7 (ONLY if Section 6 does not apply)                             |                             |            |
| Pro-Se Name:   |                             |            |
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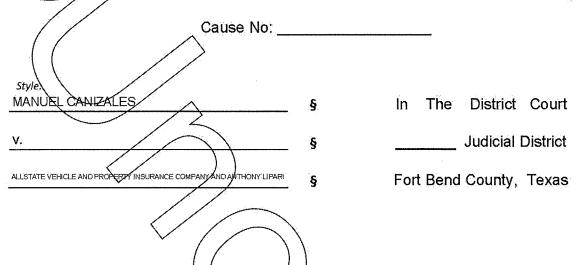
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State Bar No. 24046263

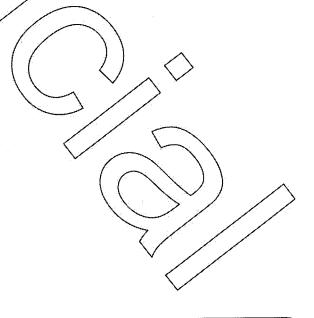
6200 Savoy Drive, Suite 1150

Houston, Texas 77036

713-595-8200 - Office
713-595-8201 - Facsimile
notifications@lanelaw.com - Email

Attorney for Manuel Canizales

Respectfully submitted,



EXHIBIT

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# SERVICE FEE NOT COLLECTED BY DISTRICT CLERK

THE STATE OF TEXAS

CITATION

TO: ALLSTATE VEHICLE AND PROPERTY INSURANCE COMPANY CT CORPORATION SYSTEM 1999 BRYAN STREET SUITE 900 **DALLAS TX 75201-3140** 

#### NOTICE:

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION filed on October 26, 2016, a default judgment may be taken against you. Said answer may be filed by mailing same to: District Clerk's Office, 301 Jackson, Richmond, Texas 77469, or by bringing it to the office. Our street address is 1422 Eugene Heimann Circle, Richmond, Texas 77469. We are located on the first floor of the Courthouse building.

The case is presently pending before the 240TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT of Fort Bend County sitting in Richmond, Texas, and was filed on October 26, 2016. It bears cause number 16-DCV-236544 and is styled:

MANUEL CANIZALES VS ALLSTATE VEHICLE AND PROPERTY INSURANCE COMPANY AND ANTHONY LIPARI

The name and address of the attorney for PLAINTIFF is:

**ROBERT C. LANE** THE LANE LAW FIRM PLLC **6200 SAVOY DRIVE SUITE 1150 HOUSTON TX 77036-3300** 713-595-8200

The nature of the demands of said PLAINTIFF is shown by a true and correct copy of the PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION accompanying this citation and made a part hereof.

If this Citation is not served, it shall be returned unserved. Issued under my hand and seal of said Court, at Richmond, Texas, on this the 28th day of October, 2016.

> DISTRICT CLERK ANNIE REBECCA ELLIOTT Fort Bend County, Texas

Deputy District Clerk DEBRA ELECONDO Telephone: (281) 344-3959

**SERVICE** 

# 16-DCV-236544 240th Judicial District Court Manuel Canizales vs Alistate Vehicle and Property Insurance Company and Anthony Lipari

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# SERVICE FEE NOT COLLECTED BY DISTRICT CLERK

THE STATE OF TEXAS

CITATION

ANTHONY LIPARI TO: 8101 TRANQUIL LAKE WAY CONROE TX 77385

NOTICE:

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION filed on October 26, 2016, a default judgment may be taken against you. Said answer may be filed by mailing same to: District Clerk's Office, 301 Jackson, Richmond, Texas 77469, or by bringing it to the office. Our street address is 1422 Eugene Heimann Circle, Richmond, Texas 77469. We are located on the first floor of the Courthouse building.

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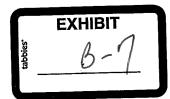
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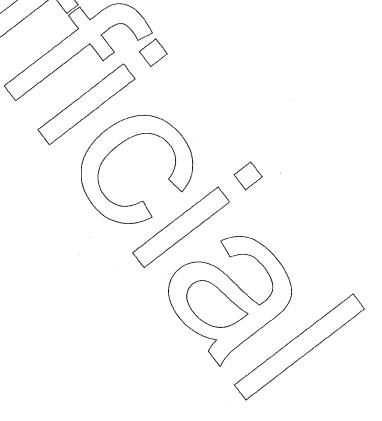
# **NOTICE**

The attachments to this notice are intended for ROBERT LANE 713-595-8200. If you have received them in error, please return to the District Clerk's Office.

Do not take papers that are not intended for you.

Thank you.

ANNIE REBECCA ELLIOTT District Clerk



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District Clerk
Fort Bend County, Texas
Debra Elizondo

## CAUSE NO. 16-DCV-236544

| MANUEL CANIZALES,              | §   |                             |
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| PLAINTIFF                      | §   |                             |
|                                | §   | IN THE 240TH DISTRICT COURT |
| VS.                            | §   |                             |
|                                | §   | FORT BEND COUNTY, TX        |
| ALLSTATE VEHICLES AND PROPERTY | ·§  |                             |
| INSURANCE COMPANY AND ANTHONY  | §   |                             |
| LIPARI,                        | §   |                             |
| DEFENDANT                      |   |                             |
|                                | Signal factors (196, page 6) of the control |                             |

**RETURN OF SERVICE** 

ON Wednesday, November Q2, 2016 AT 04:41 PM - CITATION, PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION, PLAINTIFF'S REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION OF DEFENDANT ALLSTATE VEHICLE AND PROPERTY INSURANCE COMPANY, PLAINTIFF'S INTERROGATORIES TO DEFENDANT ALLSTATE VEHICLE AND PROPERTY INSURANCE COMPANY CAME TO HAND.

ON Wednesday, November 09, 2016-AT 02:15 PM, I, CAROL THARP, PERSONALLY DELIVERED THE ABOVE-NAMED DOCUMENTS TO: ALLSTATE VEHICLE AND PROPERTY INSURANCE COMPANY, COCT CORPORATION SYSTEM, BY DELIVERING TO LAURA PEREZ, SOPINTAKE ASSOCIATE, 1999 BRYAN STREET SUITE 900, DALLAS, DALLAS, COUNTY, TX, 75201.

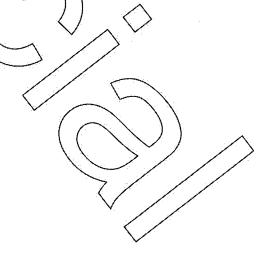
My name is CAROL THARP. My address is 1201 Louisiana, Suite 370, Houston, Texas 77002, USA. I am a private process server authorized by and through the Supreme Court of Texas (SCH 01222, expires Sunday, April 30, 2017). My date of birth is I am in all ways competent to make this statement, and this statement is based on personal knowledge. I am not a party to this case, and have no interest in its outcome. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed in Tarrant County, Texas on Wednesday, November 09, 2016

/S/ CAROL THARP

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Annie Rebecca Elliott
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Fort Bend County, Texas
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## **CAUSE NO. 16-DCV-236544**

| MANUEL CANIZALES,  | §   |                             |
|--|-----|-----------------------------|
| PLAINTIFF  | §   |                             |
|  | §   | IN THE 240TH DISTRICT COURT |
| VS. / /  | §   |                             |
| and the state of t | §   | FORT BEND COUNTY, TX        |
| ALLSTATE VEHICLES AND PROPERTY   | ·§: |                             |
| INSURANCE COMPANY AND ANTHONY  | §   |                             |
| LIPARI,  | §   |                             |
| DEFENDANT  |     |                             |

#### **RETURN OF SERVICE**

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ON Tuesday, November 15, 2016 AT 05:19 PM, I, A J SIMPSON, PERSONALLY DELIVERED THE ABOVE NAMED DOCUMENTS TO: ANTHONY LIPARI, 8101 TRANQUIL LAKE WAY, CONROE, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, TX, 77385.

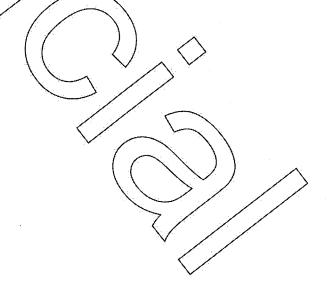
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Executed in Harris County, Texas on Tuesday, November 15, 2016

/S/ A J SIMPSON

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#### **CAUSE NO. 16-DCV-236544**

| MANUEL CANIZALES,          | § | IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF            |
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|                            | § |                                     |
| Plaintiff,                 | § |                                     |
|                            | § |                                     |
| v.                         | § |                                     |
|                            | § | FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS             |
| ALLSTATE VEHICLE AND       | § |                                     |
| PROPERTY INSURANCE COMPANY | § |                                     |
| and ANTHONY LIPARI,        | § |                                     |
|                            | § |                                     |
| Defendants.                | § | 240 <sup>th</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT |

# ORIGINAL ANSWER OF ALLSTATE VEHICLE AND PROPERTY INSURANCE COMPANY AND ANTHONY LIPARI

Allstate Vehicle and Property Insurance Company and Anthony Lipari ("Defendants"),
Defendants in the above-entitled action, file their Original Answer and would show:

## I. ORIGINAL ANSWER

Pursuant to Rule 92 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Defendants generally deny each and every, all and singular, the allegations in Plaintiff's Original Petition, and, since they are allegations of fact, requests that the Plaintiff be required to prove them by a preponderance of the credible evidence as is required by state law.

WHEREFORE, Defendants request that upon trial and hearing hereof, Plaintiff recover nothing from Defendants, and that Defendants recover all costs of court and such other and further relief at law or in equity to which they may be justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMPSON, COE, COUSINS & IRONS, L.L.P.

By: /s/ Bradford K. Burdette
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State Bar No. 03364700
bburdette@thompsoncoe.com
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ATTORNEYS FOR DEFENDANTS ALLSTATE VEHICLE AND PROPERTY INSURANCE COMPANY and ANTHONY LIPARI

# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on December 5, 2016, a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was served upon all known counsel by electronic service in accordance with the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure:

Robert C. Lane Jack D. Kitchen The Lane Law Firm, PLLC 6200 Savoy Drive, Suite 1150 Houston, Texas 77036

/s/ Bradford K. Burdette

Bradford K. Burdette